[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

all the minority communities have been included in the "miscellaneous" group.

Classification of communities for recruitment as Munsiffs.

99. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what all communities are denoted by the term "miscellaneous" in the matter of recruitment as Munsiffs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Brahmins, Mahomedans and all other communities, except Christians, Ezhavas and Nairs, who are grouped separately.

Recruitment of Munsiffs.

100. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the general rules laid down by them in the matter of recruiting Munsiffs from different communities of the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the purpose of recruitment of Munsiffs, the communities are classed as follows:

(i) Christians { Catholics / Non Catholics.
(ii) Ezhavas.
(iii) Nairs.
(iv) Miscellaneous, including Mahomedans, Brahmins, etc.

The above classification is subject to the following rules:—

(*a*) For every two Hindus appointed from the last group, an extra Christian will be appointed.

(*b*) Every alternate appointment in the "miscellaneous" group will go to a Brahmin.

(*c*) The candidate should be a High Court Vakil of not less than five years' standing in the High Court or District Court.

Killing of stray dogs.

101. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Vedunangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are aware that indiscriminate killing of stray dogs by brutally beating with heavy sticks on public thoroughfares is resorted to in all the towns in the State; and

(*b*) whether there is any benefit to the public as a result of killing the stray dogs?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes the destruction of stray ownerless dogs tends to decrease the incidence of hydrophobia and removes to some extent obstruction to vehicular traffic on public roads.

Transfer of cases from the file of the Second Class Magistrate's Court, Kottar.

102. *MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they are aware of the numerous applications for transfer of cases from the file of the Kottar Second Class Magistrate's Court ever since Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar became the presiding officer of the said Court : and

(*b*) if so, how many applications were so filed and how many applications were allowed ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 24 transfer applications were received in all by the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram, during the period from 19-11-1107 to 21-3-1109.

(*b*) Of the 24 applications filed, 8 were allowed.

Recruitment of Inspectors of Police.

103. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the practice of appointing undergraduate clerks employed in the Police Commissioner's Office as Inspectors was in vogue some time back ; and

(*b*) why that system was discontinued ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The system was discontinued as it worked hardship on deserving Head Constables for promotion and as the clerical staff with no training in the executive branch had no claim for the post of Inspector.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the authorities would reconsider the position of the clerks in the office ?

PRESIDENT : That is asking for opinion. I am afraid it is inadmissible.

Registry of wet lands in Nedumangad taluk.

104. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are not wet lands that lie very near the road included in Peringumala Reserve in the Palode *pakuthi* ;

(*b*) whether there is not a Karikagam (wet land) known as Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam in Peringumala Reserve ;

(*c*) whether it does not lie very near the road ; and

(*d*) whether it was not once improved and cultivated by a Mahomedan called Meeran ?

MR. K. GEORGE ((*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) There is no reserve by name Peringumala Reserve in the Palode *pakuthi*; but there is only the Palode Reserve in that *pakuthi* wherein there are marshy lands near the road which can be converted into paddy lands.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The answer is in the negative.

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